

Griffith Will Not Abolish His Training Plans--Roanoke Bowlers Here Today

GRIFFITHEN WILL NOT STOP SPRING WORK

Even If War Is Declared, Old Fox Will Take Players to Augusta, Ga.

ONES WILL SEEK FOSTER

Brownies' Manager to Attend Meeting Hopeful of Landing Infielder.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

"Break in relations between the United States and Germany, or even a declaration of war between the two countries, will have no deterrent effect upon my training plans for this spring," announced Manager Griffith today, when informed that the Government contemplated openly breaking with Germany, and that Charlie Weegman might abolish his long haul to California on that account.

"War cannot injure baseball much more than it has been injured during the past two years," continued the Old Fox. "The players themselves have done their worst and some few are determined to go through with their movement to kill their own game."

"But neither the players nor foreign conditions can kill the game, and my club will be ordered to Augusta just as if the skies were serene."

Will Seek Foster.

Fleider Jones, hiking all the way from Portland, Oregon, will attend the coming schedule meeting of the major leagues and endeavor to wear away from the Griffmen one Eddie Foster, second and third baseman.

Jones is riding for a fall.

If Jones fails to obtain Foster, he will seek Fritz Maisel, the little infielder of the Yankees.

What has Jones to offer for Foster or Maisel, both comparatively young players? Nothing but Eddie Plank, a cracking good southpaw pitcher for a game a week during the warm weather, even if he is a grandfather and a former member of the Christopher Columbus Union of Discoverers.

The Situation Here.

Just why Manager Griffith will think twice before making such a trade is plain to be seen.

It is by no means certain that Jack Leonard will be a fixture at third base. If he falls, Foster will go over to third and Ray Morgan sent in to play second base, though he will not be as valuable there as Foster.

Falling to third, Foster is an aged and creaking pitcher, without obtaining with him an infielder of some sort, would be rank folly for the Old Fox.

Pratt Might Help.

If Jones would consent to a trade involving Derrill Pratt, something might eventuate. Pratt might prove of great assistance to the Griffmen, even if they had to lose Foster to get him. He is a better hitter, fielder and runner, according to local opinion after looking at the averages.

However, Foster may come back with a rush next season. In that case, there would be but little difference between the two players. Foster's contract ends next October and the chances are that he will do everything in his power next summer to render himself worthy of an equally high salary for 1918.

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Will Play Orioles.

The Griffmen's second squad, almost the equal in strength of the regulars, will meet Jack Dunn's Orioles at Wilmington, N. C., in two games on March 23 and 24. Altrick's Almota will then be under way to Washington from Augusta, Ga.

Dunn's International leaguers will spend 16 days at Wilmington, arriving March 20 and leaving April 5. A grass diamond has been laid out and conditions should be excellent for spring training. The team will then have but three days of practice before tackling the Griffmen, but they hope for the best.

Play Many Games.

About 25 games will be played by the White Sox before the 1917 campaign opens. Comiskey believes in making his athletes earn their salaries.

The White Sox will begin training about March 10 at Mineral Wells, Tex., and will be divided into two equal squads a week later. The first team will play at Fort Worth on St. Patrick's Day, while the second one will be at Dallas. Games will be played in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, and Minnesota before the bell rings.

May Change Rule.

If any change in the rules is to be made to bring about more hitting, the magnates will do no more than to adopt new regulations regarding the liveliness of the official ball.

The Federal League sluggers could bounce their ball right out of the infield. Even sluggers (7) like Frank Laporte and Herman Schaefer were making home runs in the independent circuit.

It is not intended that the new ball should be as lively as the Federal league sphere, but there may be a compromise between that one and the ball now used in the big leagues.

Putting more "life" which is rubber, into the official ball will increase the batting, even if third basemen do have to wear masks and shin protectors.

CENTRAL AND TECH MEET NEXT FRIDAY

Championship May Be Decided by Issue of Coming Battle.

Central and Tech, rated as the strongest of the high school quintas, now battling for the title in the newly formed league, are expected to furnish the thrills next Friday at the Y. M. C. A. when these teams get together. Judging from yesterday's performances when both five went over the high score point for the season the game will be productive of some of the best basketball seen this season.

Tech got in some clever work against Western. The Manual Trainers hung up a 35 to 16 victory over the Red and White, winning all the way, and preventing Western from scoring more than 4 points in the second half.

Makes Shift in Team.

Technical made a shift in the team at the last moment which appeared to give it strength. Tabb and Catlin were played in forward, and Biggs, a husky six-footer was moved into center. Pfeiffer and Schneider played the guards.

Western was never dangerous, and fell far below the standard set in the recent Business game. Tabb proved to be quite a team in himself, scoring seven baskets from the floor. The Westerners lost chances to increase their total by failing to shoot more than four baskets out of seventeen trials on free throws.

Central in Form.

Central appeared to be in form in the nightcap. Eastern played consistently well, but Central's passing earned a 36 to 20 victory.

The Mt. Pleasant players hung up the season's mark set by Tech in the opening engagement. Central has played better basketball in every engagement and the coming Tech-Central battle set for next Friday should be a whirlwind affair. Rosa White played at center yesterday and the team went along at a fast clip.

For some unexplained reason Central drew down after a ten point lead was obtained on Eastern, otherwise new figures might have been set.

Individuals Do Well.

Central's teamwork stood out in contrast to the straggly efforts of the other teams, yesterday. Only when the ball had been worked up to the basket did Central display weakness. Several baskets were missed after the ball had been carried up to, within scoring distance.

Thomas, of Eastern; Cummings, of the same school; Daly and Solomon, of Central; Chamberlaine and Johnson, of Western, and Tabb and Schneider, of Tech, were the stars of yesterday's battles.

Standing of Teams.

Central gets within striking distance, of the top by virtue of yesterday's win. The Mt. Pleasant lads are expected to either win the league or tie up with Tech at the conclusion of the series.

The standing of the league follows:

Team	Won	Lost	Pct.
Tech	4	4	.500
Business	3	2	.600
Central	3	3	.500
Western	2	4	.333
Eastern	1	4	.200

WINNERS MAY MEET

Baltimore Tennis Organizations

Plan Playing Here.

Baltimore tennis followers want their winner to meet a Washington team at the close of the season next summer. Details of the proposed matches are expected to come from Baltimore at any time. The Associated Tennis Club, of Baltimore, composed of nine organizations, may have two leagues.

Winners of the leagues may play for the Baltimore title, and the winner is scheduled to meet a Washington Tennis Association team or a Suburban Tennis League winner.

Present plans for the proposed meeting will be brought out at a meeting to be held in Baltimore February 24. The charter members of the Baltimore organization are Mt. Washington Club, Baltimore Country Club, Maryland Country Club, Stony Run Country Club, Interpark Tennis Association, Maryland Athletic Club, and the Maryland Swimming Club.

The officers are: President, Robert P. Ashley; vice president, Frederick C. Colston, and secretary-treasurer, Alfred Hatch.

MAY KEEP BOXING

Legitimate Clubs Allowed to Stage Contests in New York.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Boxing fans were somewhat surprised today to learn through an interview from Governor Whitman his belief that a bill to repeal the Fawley boxing law in this State would not mean the end of boxing.

Governor Whitman declared bouts between members of clubs could not be prevented, although he admitted that if the "clubs" and their members became too numerous police laws would be used to control them. He asserted amateur bouts would not be affected.

It had been the general belief that the repeal of the law would put an end to bouts of any class. No promoter could be brought to see today, however, that he would be able to stage a bout that would bring in many dollars without invoking the laws of the State.

McCort Is Champion.

NEW YORK, Feb. 3.—Charles A. McCort, of Pittsburgh, today is the new three-cushion billiard champion. He defeated George Moore in a match lasting three nights. The final score was 150 to 121.

PENN GETS CONN

All-Western Halfback to Take Exams for Entrance.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—"Tuffy" Conn, All-Western halfback and backfield star of the Oregon Aggies, will take examinations next week for entrance to Pennsylvania University. He was a freshman at Oregon last September and plans entering Wharton School here.

Conn met the Quakers at Pasadena on New Year Day, and became desirous of entering the Red and Blue institution. His best stunt last year was to run 105 yards for a touchdown against Nebraska. He is a drop kicker of great skill and a stellar track performer.

GALLAUDET TO PLAY G. W. U. FLOOR TEAM

Kendall Greeners Entertain Hatchettes in Only Local Game.

With Georgetown in northern competition in Cambridge playing Boston College and Catholic University players resting and studying for mid-year examinations, Gallaudet and George Washington are holding the center of interest tonight.

The Hatchettes are playing a return game in the Kendall Green gymnasium. Just before Christmas George Washington handed the Gallaudet team a 31 to 21 defeat. Since then the Kendall Green team has shown strength in several battles and can be counted upon to put the Hatchettes to the test tonight.

Has New Center Man.

George Washington appeared to be slackened up last week in playing the Hatchettes, of West Virginia. The Hatchettes were lucky to get away with the game, and chiefly because of the technical fouls committed by the visitors.

Since last week the George Washington players have worked in Harmon, a new center man, who has all the ability necessary to make the team stronger. Harmon had worked out but twice up to last Saturday and was in no condition to play. His work was about the best on the floor, however, and he has gotten in shape for tonight's battle.

Has Rested Ten Days.

Gallaudet has been out of competition for about ten days, but Coach Haas has been putting his charges through some grueling practices in preparation for tonight's contest. The probable starting line-ups are: Gallaudet—Schow, left forward; Wenger, right forward; A. Wenger, center; Claud, left guard, and Williams, right guard. George Washington—Almon, left forward; Giacomo, right forward; Harmon, center; Hillis, guard, and Grosbeck, right guard.

The game is scheduled to start at 8:15 p. m. James Colliflower and Bryn A. Morse are to handle the game. This afternoon at Epiphany gymnasium the Gallaudet girls' team and that from George Washington are scheduled to meet.

G. W. WILL SWIM

Hatchettes Form Team and Will Ask Official Sanction.

George Washington University is to have a swimming team. Twelve students already have signified their desire of entering in competition for positions on the team. The Student Council has given its indorsement to the movement and sanction by the faculty committee on student activities has been requested. It is expected that this sanction will be granted in the near future.

The only drawback to the organization of a swimming team this year is the probable expense of main tenance. It is believed, however, that such a team could be made virtually self-supporting.

Howard Stewart, of this city, a South Atlantic Athletic Association champion swimmer, has been selected to coach the team. Mr. Stewart is hopeful of getting permission to use the swimming pool at the New Central High School.

R. Bartie Miller, manager of last year's team, is enthusiastic over the movement to revive aquatic sports at the university. Last year's team was organized so late in the year that its life was of but short duration.

Candidates for this year's team are Jack Zerbe, J. Kenovitz, Eliason, Cannon, Kluge, C. LeVist, H. Hayes, Paul Vestal, Herman LeVey, T. C. Thompson, Henry Ravanel, H. Ward, and R. B. Miller.

NEEDS TWO MORE

Then Brownies Will Be Ready to Start 1917 Campaign.

"I have fifteen players under contract with five more ready to sign, and as soon as I succeed in lining up a certain outfielder and ascertain infielder we'll be ready to go to bat and battle for the pennant," says Branch Rickey, business manager of the Browns.

There is no secret as to the players referred to. The infielder is John Lavan and the outfielder is Armando Marsane. Neither is a member of the Players' Fraternity, so the so-called strike cannot hold up the signing of these players.

Lavan is holding out for more money and is likely to get it. Marsane is spending the winter in Cuba, and the time to get a contract back from the island has not elapsed since his contract was put in the mails.

Dave Devorport is not a member of the union, and rumor has it that Weisman and Knob have signed contracts, so Fielder Jones has nothing to worry about.

The St. Louis holdover contracts were held by Sifer, Pratt, Johnson and Austin of the infield, Catcher Seaverd and Outfielder Shotton. Seven players have signed new contracts for 1917.

WAR CLOUD SPOILS PLANS FOR SEASON

Major Leaguers May Cut Out Training Trips If U. S. Gets Into Trouble.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—The war cloud hovering over the United States may have a dire effect upon baseball this season and Charlie Weegman, the Cub magnate, congratulates those players already signed for 1917.

"Had the magnates foreseen international troubles facing the country," says Weegman, "big cuts might have been made in contracts already signed this winter. Unless the skies clear, baseball is in for a bad year."

"I have planned to take my team to California, but if war is declared, or diplomatic relations between the United States and some other country are severed, I am going to pull in my horns. I am keeping my ear pretty close to the ground."

The Cubs training trip will cost \$14,000. Comiskey is expected to pay about \$10,000 for the White Sox trip.

Baseball will not be suspended, according to Weegman, under any consideration, but expenses will be pared to the bone.

BALLANTYNE LOSES

Washington Man Put Out of Pinehurst Event.

PINEHURST, N. C., Feb. 3.—R. B. Ballantyne, of the Columbia Country Club, was put out of the St. Valentine's golf tourney here yesterday. He lost a match in the tenth section to Commodore J. T. Newton, of Brooklyn, 4 and 3.

Normal Maxwell, Philadelphia, defeated Henry W. Segermann, Englewood, 7 up and 6 to play, and E. O. Beall, Uniontown, defeated Lee W. Maxwell, New York, 1 up in twenty holes, in the semifinals of the first flight.

BOB THAYER'S Sporting Gossip

Mike Martin, mayor of Cherrydale, Va., is learning a song to sing at Clarendon Monday night.

One preliminary boxer died in a ring at Albany, N. Y., just when extortion charges against Chairman Wenck, of the boxing commission, were being heard, and so at once Governor Whitman seeks to abolish boxing in the State. If Wenck is found guilty—as he has yet to be—found not discharge Wenck, appoint a chairman who will conduct the game properly and then go along? Wenck is Governor Whitman's own appointee and possibly there is a delicacy about letting him out. Meanwhile, many good promoters and boxers are about to suffer for the sins of the few.

Les Darty, burlesque actor and one-time boxer of Australia, plans to re-enter the ring March 5.

Bob Folwell's vindication is the best thing that could have happened to Pennsylvania. The Quakers have gone long enough without a real man at the head of their football activities. Indeed, they have gone so long that they failed to recognize a real one when they got him. Folwell's "crimes" could not have been so atrocious when he was whitewashed within two days after being condemned. From this distance it appears as if his behavior "leaked" too soon, thus defeating itself. This is the season for "leaks," you know, and Penn seems to have a little one all to itself.

Killing the goose that laid the golden egg is applicable to those New York boxing promoters.

Those amateur baseball enthusiasts promoting the new organization to help handle the sandlot game here next summer should be given credit for getting on the job early. Several meetings already have been held and such has been accomplished. If amateur baseball is to thrive in the National Capital it needs all the support possible. Last year was one of the poorest in the history of the game here and this is one of the reasons which have prompted the boosters to start their campaign early.

If it were we rowing we would say make the regulation distance three miles instead of four.

Bowlers are getting hep to the fact that competition among rivals is one thing that will create more interest than anything else in the sport. Take, for example, the match between Vaeth-Mayhew and Chapin-Hower. Vaeth and Mayhew were declared "winners" after the most notable exhibition of duckpinning ever seen in the city in such matches, they were set upon with challenge after challenge by pairs of expert rollers. They accepted the first one, from Schmitt and Wolstenholme, of the National Capital athletes, and should they win this, which will be held some time in the near future, they will take on others. Should Schmitt and Wolstenholme prove victorious, it is planned for them to seek opponents. Thus, each succeeding match will attract additional interest as the competition narrows down to the very best bowlers.

SCHLOSSER ACTIVE

Former G. W. U. Coach and Player Official in League.

Frank Schlosser, former star basketball player here and at one time coach of the George Washington basketball team, is actively engaged in officiating in San Antonio, Tex. Schlosser, who is known to many basketball fans in this city, is a first lieutenant in the D. C. N. G., stationed at San Antonio.

It is difficult to keep out of the game, and Schlosser has referred in all the games played by a basketball team in San Antonio, where the game is comparatively new. Schlosser has earned praise for his work in connection with the game in San Antonio.

INTERCITY MATCH BEING CONTESTED

Royals Rolling Roanoke Duckpin Team This Afternoon. Meet-Casinos Tonight.

Royals, of the District League, and the Palace team, of Roanoke, Virginia, are rolling the opening block of a ten-game series at the Royal this afternoon. Tonight the visitors take on the Casinos, of the National Capital League, in the final game of a match begun in the Virginia town several weeks ago when the home team won by a decisive margin.

When the Royals and Roanokes took the alleys this afternoon two of the strongest duckpin combinations in the South Atlantic Section opposed. The Palace team comes here with a formidable reputation. Captain Haller, of the Royals, gave it as his opinion today before the match that his team would have to roll up to a high standard in order to win.

Following this afternoon's rolling the Virginians will be entertained at dinner by the Royals and after tonight's match they will be the guests of the Casinos at a banquet. A date for the final games with the Royals is likely to be settled on today.

It is probable that the Roanoke end of the match will be contested shortly as the Royals have an affair with Lossberg all-stars, of Baltimore, under arrangement.

MEETS BOSTON COLLEGE

Georgetown Plays in Cambridge Tonight, Closing Trip North.

Georgetown closes its Northern trip tonight in Cambridge, Mass., meeting the Boston College five. Little is known of the strength of the home team. The game was scheduled after canceling the Mt. St. Joseph's contest, slated for Philadelphia, when it became known that the Quaker team wanted professional rules applied to the contest.

The Hilltoppers went down to their third defeat yesterday in New York. Playing the strong Crescent Athletic Club team, composed of former stars, Georgetown took a 41 to 32 beating. Nicholas, St. John's College player, recently barred from competition for playing with the Crescent Athletic Club, took the floor under the name of Heath last night and caged eight baskets for his team.

Freddy Fessenden, seven baskets for Georgetown, while McNulty got three. The Crescent players were a bit too fast for the Georgetown team.

Catholic University has completed its football schedule with the exception of two dates. The Brooklanders are negotiating with the Springfield V. M. C. A. Training School for the date of October 13.

Catholic University will have no contest on November 24, and the remainder of the schedule, all games being played here unless otherwise specified, is as follows: September 29, Western Maryland; at Westminster; October 6, Navy, at Annapolis; 13, Springfield V. M. C. A. (probable); 20, Villanova; 27, Monaca College.

November 3, George Washington; 10, Carlisle Indians; 17, Muhlenberg, at Allentown; 20, Dickinson, at Dickinson (pending).

Navy closes its basketball schedule today by playing the West Virginia Wesleyan team. The Navy has won all its games to date, and it is reasonable to expect another win today. In view of the fact that the Middies have recovered from their recent slump.

COMPLETES SCHEDULE

Catholic University Manager Announced Remaining Dates.

Manager Walter Norris, of Catholic University, has straightened out his schedule for the remainder of the season. The Brooklanders will play five more games before turning in their uniforms.

Four of the five contests are with visiting teams, George Washington providing the wind-up on February 19. Other games on the schedule are: February 7, West Virginia Wesleyan; February 10, Randolph-Macon; February 16, North Carolina Aggies; February 17, Trinity, of North Carolina.

Catholic University was slated to meet Bucknell University tonight, but the game was called off on account of the mid-year examinations. The G. W. U. game was set for February 19 on account of a conflict with the annual Junior Prom at C. U.

CROWELL IS DROPPED.

EASTON, Pa., Feb. 3.—The board of trustees of Lafayette College, upon the recommendations of the athletic committee, has declined to renew the contract of Wilmer C. Crowell as director of athletics. He also coached the football team.

CUBS WANT WINGO.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3.—The big deal involving the Cubs is expected to bring Ivy Wingo, the Red Sox star backstop, to the North Side ball club. Manager Mitchell is here working on the details of the deal.

SUB-CARRIERS LEAD POSTOFFICE TEAMS

Gerardi Has Best Individual Average of Large Bowling Organization.

Substitute Carriers are leading the sixteen teams of the Postoffice Duckpin League with a fairly comfortable margin over all rivals.

Gerardi, of the Substitute Carriers, has the best average of the organization at 103, with Ellis, of Station F, and Anderson, of Equipment, tie for second place with 101 and fractions.

POSTOFFICE CLUB BOWLING LEAGUE

Team	G. S. S. M. H. R. Ave.
Sub. Carriers	51 48 155 151 475-4
Rey. Mail Service	49 53 147 139 475-3
Delivery	48 54 142 140 469-2
Night Police	48 53 148 146 475-1
Station B	41 54 102 106 474-3
Postal Police	48 55 117 114 469-2
Carriers, M. O.	48 56 129 127 472-5
Station F	41 54 106 103 471-2
Equipment	41 57 104 99 461-9
Equipment	40 58 107 107 464-1
Postmasters	41 54 101 101 461-2
Independents	41 59 108 107 461-3
Old Station F	41 59 108 107 461-3
Mailing	41 54 101 101 461-2
Registry	41 59 108 107 461-3
Supervisors	41 59 108 107 461-3

INDIVIDUAL AVERAGES.

Substitute Carriers	G. S. S. M. H. R. Ave.
Whalley	5 321 2 6 120 321 110-1
Gerardi	5 328 2 6 122 328 110-1
Kennedy	5 321 2 6 122 321 110-1
Tanahill	5 328 2 6 122 328 110-1
Buckner	5 328 2 6 122 328 110-1
Schnapp	5 328 2 6 122 328 110-1
Gallagher	5 328 2 6 122 328 110-1
Forester	5 328 2 6 122 328 110-1
Walters	5 328 2 6 122 328 110-1
Rose	5 328 2 6 122 328 110-1
McQuinn	5 328 2 6 122 328 110-1
Hart	5 328 2 6 122 328 110-1

RAILWAY MAIL SERVICE.

Team	G. S. S. M. H. R. Ave.
Circle	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Shaw	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Tanahill	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Buckner	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Schnapp	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Gallagher	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Forester	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Walters	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Rose	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
McQuinn	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Hart	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3

DELIVERY.

Team	G. S. S. M. H. R. Ave.
Shaw	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Tanahill	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Buckner	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Schnapp	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Gallagher	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Forester	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Walters	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
Rose	5 147 2 6 120 147 95-3
McQuinn	5